

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 113  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2002  
9 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Bob Workman, Chair  
Bernie Heier, Vice Chair  
Kathy Campbell  
Larry Hudkins

Commissioners Absent: Ray Stevens

Others Present: Deb Schorr, District 3 Commissioner-Elect  
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk  
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Staff Meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 21, 2002**

Item held.

**2 ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

A. District Energy Corporation Representation

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Campbell seconded approval of the addition to the agenda. Campbell, Workman, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

**3 REVIEW OF INVESTMENT STRUCTURE AND DESIGN OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN** - Roderick Crane, Vice President and National Defined Contribution Practice Coordinator for Segal Advisors; Doug Cyr, Dave Kroeker, Terry Adams, Bill Thoreson, and Patricia Owen, Pension Review Committee

Roderick Crane, Segal Advisors, gave an overview of County of Lancaster, Nebraska Employees Retirement Plan, Review of Investment Structure and Design (Exhibit A), noting the following:

- \* Administrative Analysis
- \* Investment Analysis
- \* Summary of Finding and Recommendations

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said the County must provide Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS) one year advance notice of termination or be locked in for another five year term, noting the deadline for notice of termination is December 1, 2002.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Consideration of Giving Notice to Public Employees Benefit Service Corporation (PEBSCO)/Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS) Terminating the Pension Service Agreement for Lancaster County Employees Retirement Plan

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Campbell seconded to give Public Employees Benefit Service Corporation (PEBSCO)/Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS) notice of termination. Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board asked Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, to draft the letter of termination, in consultation with the County Attorney's Office.

Brief discussion followed on whether to enter into renegotiations with Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS) or to bid the plan. Doug Cyr, Pension Review Committee, recommended that the County develop an investment policy first.

Heier said he would like Crane to be involved in the process.

Crane quoted the following fees:

- \* Investment Policy Development (\$5,000)
- \* Renegotiation (\$20,000)
- \* Full Bidding Process (\$45,000)

In response to a question from Campbell, Crane said the bidding process usually produces slightly better results. Another advantage is the ability to see what the market has to offer. He expressed confidence that Nationwide will “come to the table”, either through renegotiation or bidding.

The Board asked the Pension Review Committee to review the report and make recommendation at the December 12, 2002 Staff Meeting.

#### **4 CONTRACT WITH PATHOLOGY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR AUTOPSIES - Gary Lacey, County Attorney**

Gary Lacey, County Attorney, said Pathology Medical Services has notified him that it plans to discontinue forensic pathology services (Exhibit B). He recommended that the County contract with Dr. Matthias Okoye, if he establishes his own practice. Alternative solutions are contracting with a forensic group in Omaha, Nebraska or hiring a forensic pathologist.

#### **ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

##### **A. District Energy Corporation Representation**

Heier said his term will expire at the end of the year.

**MOTION:** Campbell moved and Hudkins seconded to schedule reappointment of Bernie Heier to the District Energy Corporation on a Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda. Campbell, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **5 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES FOR THE 2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION - Gordon Kissel, Legislative Consultant; Amy Prenda, Director of Legal Research and Analysis for Kissel/E&S Associates**

Gordon Kissel, Legislative Consultant, reviewed Lancaster County Legislative Proposals, 2003 Legislative Session (Exhibit C).

Kissel said Senator Raikes would like to meet and discuss legislation to amend Nebraska Revised Statute §23-114.03 (Building Permits for Residences on Farmsteads) and the Inheritance Tax issue.

The Board designated the following as priorities (not in priority order, except for No. 1):

1. State Aid to Counties
2. Funding of Programs, Particularly Juvenile Justice
3. Amend Nebraska Revised Statute §23-114.03 (Building Permits for Residences on Farmsteads)
4. Oppose Inheritance Tax Structure Change
5. Amend Purchasing Act to Allow Cooperative Purchasing Agreements
6. Nudity in Bars/Roadhouses/Ultimate Fighting/Authority of Counties to Enact Regulations by Resolution
7. Extend Time for Board of Equalization to Decide Protests
8. Payment in Advance of Services on State Contracts
9. Expand Hotel Representation on the Visitors Promotion Advisory Committee (VPAC)
10. Inmate Medical Costs

The Board asked Eagan to draft a letter outlining the County's priorities for Commissioner Workman to present to the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Legislative Committee.

Kissel was asked to coordinate efforts on the payment in advance of services on state contracts issue with State Probation. He was also asked to draft legislation separate from that of the City's on expansion of representation on the Visitors Promotion Advisory Committee (VPAC).

Brief discussion took place on a proposal to delay tax sales for one year, with consensus to send a letter to NACO recommending that it take the lead on legislation.

The Board also requested information on whether the County Attorney's Association plans to pursue legislation regarding civil liability for dishonored checks.

Kissel said he will apprise senators that the Board is going to start looking at the issue of comparability versus ability to pay.

## 6 ACTION ITEMS

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Item moved forward on the agenda.

- B. Authorize Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, to Sign Proxies for Nationwide

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval. Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

## 7 ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Campbell moved and Heier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m. Hudkins, Heier, Campbell and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

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Bruce Medcalf  
County Clerk